

Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes
9:30 AM – Senior Center
May 9, 2011

Present: Mig McCarrick (guest), C. Pellegrine (Chair), A. Holinko, J. Scotttron, D. Nolan, J. Terry, B. Lavoie (staff), C. Dainton (staff), S. Gordon, T. Rogers, J. Quarto (Vice-Chair)

Regrets: W. Bigl

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the **April 11, 2011** meeting were accepted as written.
- IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: none. K. Grunwald will follow-up w/Senior Resources re: a letter that was sent from the Commission.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. Report of the Nominating Committee: Vice-Chair J. Quarto nominated Mig McCarrick as a new member of the Commission for a September appointment. The nomination was approved unanimously. The recommendation will be submitted to the Committee on Committees. C. Pellegrine raised the issue of September elections, and asked if the Committee would like to present a slate of nominees to the Commission prior to that meeting. J. Quarto suggested that the slate be presented in September with elections in October to coincide with the terms of members. C. Pellegrine asked if the dates can be changed so that the new slate of officers starts in Sept. She will check into this with the Committee on Committees.
 - B. “Other”: none.

VI. Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations

A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie reported that the Wellness Committee has met three times and they are looking into the wellness services that are offered at other area senior centers. Overall Mansfield appears to offer more wellness services than other centers. They are also discussing how to use the \$3000 that has been designated for geriatric services. The committee is exploring offering additional services including dermatology screening and acupuncture. J. Terry asked about finding providers who are taking new Medicare patients. She wondered if the Commission can take any action? J. Quarto is concerned about this as well. K. Grunwald reported that the Senior Center will be offering a

presentation from the Center for Medicare Advocacy this summer, and the Commission asked to be included in this.

B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – C. Dainton distributed copies of her April report. She has included a chart showing monthly participation at the Center and the café meal count (average). Some seniors are not swiping in when they come to the center. A. Holinko asked if seniors are asked to swipe in if they come in more than once during the day, which they are. Members asked why some seniors are not swiping in, and it was explained that this is a form of protest. T. Rogers acknowledged that he has been involved in this, and is working on resolving the issue.

Senior Center Assoc. –T. Rogers reported that the Association hosted a volunteer lunch, and he distributed gifts to Commission members. He also distributed copies of nominees for the new officers of the Association. The Annual Banquet will be June 15 at the Buchanan Center, catered by the Mansfield General Store. The cost will be \$16 per person.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald reported that representatives from Masonicare made a presentation to the Town Council at their April 25 meeting. A petition was submitted requesting that the Town Council reopen the process for selection of a preferred developer for the Independent/Assisted Living project. J. Terry questioned why Masonicare is purchasing that property if there is no water available. There was some discussion about the service model that Masonicare presented, and concerns were raised about both the cost and whether or not this will address the needs of residents.

Wrights Way: J. Adamcik was not present;

Juniper Hill: B. Savage was not present;

Jensen's Park: E. Poirier had nothing to report;

Glen Ridge: J. Scottron announced an open house on June 5;

Other: none.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no reports.

VII. Old Business

- A. Long-Range Plan: Follow-Up. C. Pellegrine asked members to pay attention to the plan, and reported that she has had a good experience with the Volunteer Transportation program.
- B. Triad: W. Bigl was not present. C. Pellegrine asked about the Wethersfield program that was discussed last month. J. Terry said that the TRIAD team is taking the lead on this. K. Grunwald reported that TRIAD will sponsor another

“Yellow Dot” event at the Senior Center on June 8 at 1:30. There will be an identity theft program in September 28, and a prescription drug take-back program coming up at a later time. C. Pellegrine questioned whether or not the Commission wants to get involved in these programs. B. Lavoie announced that Senior Resources will be sending out a bulletin board to update individuals on Scam Alerts.

VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission: A. Holinko announced that the Annual Town meeting is tomorrow. C. Pellegrine provided information on a fund-raising dinner hosted by the Eagleville Fire Dept. auxiliary, and T. Rogers announced a pancake breakfast to raise money for Project Safegrad.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM. C. Pellegrine announced that she will not be here for the June meeting. Next meeting: **Monday, June 13, 2011** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald